



This document provides you with key investor information about this Fund. It is not marketing material. The information is required by law to help you understand the nature and the risks of investing in this Fund. You are advised to read it so you can make an informed decision about whether to invest.

## Close Sustainable Bond Portfolio Fund – X (Accumulation)<sup>1</sup>

A sub-fund of Close Discretionary Funds unit trust (ISIN: GB00B7V89J33)

This Fund is managed by Close Asset Management (UK) Limited

### OBJECTIVES AND INVESTMENT POLICY<sup>2</sup>

**Objectives:** To generate income while maintaining its capital value over the medium term (i.e more than 5 years).

**Investment policy:** The Fund will invest at least 80% in sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling) investment grade corporate bonds of duration between two and twelve years.

The Fund may also invest in sterling denominated (or hedged back to sterling) government bonds as well as sub-investment grade and unrated bonds. Investment grade bonds for the purposes of this Fund are those which are rated at least BBB- (or equivalent) by a single rating agency at the time of purchase.

The corporate bonds in which the Fund invests will be subject to the Manager's sustainability screens. The first is an ethical screen (focusing on what a bond issuer produces). Secondly, an ESG (environmental, social and governance) screen is applied (focusing on how the issuer operates). Under the ethical screen, the Fund may not invest in issuers with more than 10% of their revenue exposure to alcohol, gambling, tobacco or any other areas deemed not to meet the Manager's ethical standards. Issuers which meet the ethical criteria are then subject to an ESG rating screening, where ESG ratings provided by a third party are used. The purpose of the ESG screen is to identify and invest in issuers which have, what the Manager considers to be, positive ESG attributes. In the Manager's view, these issuers are likely to be better prepared for the risks and opportunities associated with ESG factors and are therefore suitable for investment in a 'sustainable' context. For government bonds only the ESG screen is applied when selecting investments.

In order to gain indirect exposure to both corporate and government bonds, the Fund may also invest in collective investment schemes (which may include schemes managed by the Manager or an affiliate of the Manager) and closed-ended funds. Where such funds are used, the Manager will seek to ensure they meet broadly comparable ethical and ESG screening criteria. The Fund may also invest directly or indirectly in deposits and money market instruments. The Fund may use derivatives for efficient portfolio management.

**The Fund should be regarded as a long term investment and may not be appropriate for investors who plan to withdraw their money in the short to medium term i.e. within 5 years.**

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – MERGER PROPOSAL:

At an EGM of the Fund held on 20 February unitholders elected to merge the Fund with the Close Select Fixed Income Fund ("CSFI"). Accordingly, on 3 March 2023 units in the Fund will be exchanged for new units of equivalent value in CSFI, and the Fund will cease to be available for investment. A copy of the Merger Circular – which sets out the detailed mechanics of the merger – can be found at our website: [closebrothersam.com/funds](https://closebrothersam.com/funds)

Note: Whilst existing investors in the Fund (as at 16 January 2023) may still subscribe for or redeem units in the Fund until noon on 2 March 2023 no new investors will be permitted in that period. Dealings in the new merged CSFI Fund will commence on 6 March 2023.

### RISK AND REWARD PROFILE

The Risk and Reward profile demonstrates where the Fund ranks in terms of its potential risk and reward. The higher the rank the greater the potential reward but the greater the risk of losing money. It is based on past data (the past 5 years), which may change over time and may not be a reliable indication of the future risk profile of the Fund.



The Fund is ranked at 4 because funds of this type have experienced average rises and falls in value in the past.

Past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance. The lowest category does not mean risk free.

### INVESTING IN THE FUND CARRIES THE FOLLOWING MAIN RISKS:

**Counterparty risk:** The Fund could lose money if a counterparty with which it transacts becomes unwilling or unable to meet its obligations to the Fund.

**Currency risk:** The Fund invests in overseas assets, denominated in currencies other than Sterling. The Manager aims to remove some of the impact of changes in some exchange rates by hedging, a currency transaction which may protect against such movements. While the Fund operates portfolio hedging to reduce this risk, it may not always be fully effective.

**Geographical risk:** The Fund's value may fall where it had concentrated exposure to a particular country or region that is heavily affected by an adverse event.

**Sustainability strategy risk:** The Funds are subject to screening criteria applied by the Manager which mean that they are unable to invest in certain sectors, companies and investments that conflict with the Manager's sustainability policy. The Fund will only invest in issuers which have, what the Manager considers to be, positive ESG attributes. This investment strategy may result in the Funds having a narrower range of eligible investments, which may in turn affect the Funds' performance.

**Default risk:** The Fund may invest in bonds which provide a fixed or variable return and which are a form of loan, the value of which depends on the issuer being able to make its payments. There is a risk that the issuer will fail to do so. Although the Fund generally invests in bonds with high ratings, a high rating does not guarantee an issuer's ability to pay.

**Liquidity risk:** In extreme market conditions, some securities held by the fund may become hard to value or sell. In these circumstances, performance may be affected and redemptions in the fund may need to be deferred or the fund suspended for a period of time.

**Focus risk:** The Fund's value may fall where it has concentrated exposure to an issuer or type of security that is heavily affected by an adverse event. The full list of the Fund's risks are contained in the "Risk Factors" section of the Prospectus.

## CHARGES

The charges you pay are used to pay the costs of running the Fund, including the costs of managing and distributing it. These charges reduce the potential growth of your investment.

### One-off charges taken before or after you invest

Entry charge	0.00%
Exit charge	0.00%

There are no entry and exit charges.

### Charges taken from the Fund over a year

Ongoing charges	0.48%
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### Charges taken from the Fund under certain specific conditions

Performance fee	None
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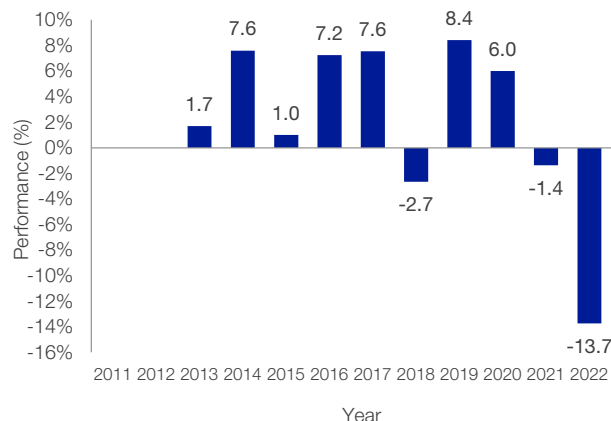
The figure for ongoing charges excludes portfolio transaction costs, except in the case of an entry/exit charge paid by the Fund when buying or selling shares or units in another fund and transaction costs paid to the custodian of the Fund.

The ongoing charges are based on the Fund's expenses for the twelve months ending 30 September 2022, this now includes the Fund Management Fee which is fixed. Ongoing charges may vary from year to year. Following the recent changes to disclosure requirements; Close-Ended Funds are now included in the calculation of the synthetic element of the ongoing charge.

Further information about charges can be found in the Fees section of the Prospectus.

if you invest through a third party provider (including platforms) you are advised to consult them directly as charges, performance, and terms and conditions may differ materially to those shown in this document.

## PAST PERFORMANCE



The past performance is calculated in GBP. This chart includes all charges except entry and exit charges. You should be aware that past performance is not a reliable guide to future performance.

Fund launch date – 3 September 2010.

Unit class launch date – 1 October 2012.

## OTHER INFORMATION:

Units can be bought, sold or switched in the fund on any business day, as defined in the Prospectus. An order must be received by the administrator by 11:45am on any business day to receive that day's fund price. Please note that if an order is placed by an intermediary or financial adviser they may require extra processing time.

Units will be accumulation units. Income from investments held by the fund will be invested into the value of the units.

<sup>1</sup> Formerly the Close Bond Income Portfolio Fund. Name changed 2 November 2020 in line with the move to Sustainable Investing.

<sup>2</sup> A summary of the Manager's Sustainability Policy and Investment Process can be found in Appendix 1 of the Prospectus.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**The Trustee** is The Bank of New York Mellon (International) Limited.

The Fund's **Investment Adviser** is Close Asset Management Limited.

This Key Investor Information Document may not contain all the information you need.

The Fund is a sub-fund of the Close Discretionary Funds ("CDF"), an umbrella structure comprising different sub-funds. This document is specific to the Fund and unit class stated at the beginning of this document. However, the prospectus, annual and half-yearly reports are prepared for the umbrella.

Investors may switch their units in the Fund for units in another sub-fund within CDF, subject to meeting certain conditions. These conditions, as well as other information about dealing, other unit classes of this Fund and other funds in this Trust may be obtained by contacting us (see below).

You can place an order to buy, sell or switch units of the Fund by contacting your adviser or distributor, or us directly at Close Asset Management (UK) Limited, PO Box 367, Darlington, DL1 9RG; or by calling us on 0370 606 6402\*.

\*Calls to this number are recorded for monitoring purposes.

For the latest published price of the units in the Fund, or to obtain the Prospectus or annual/semi-annual report, please

visit [www.closebrothersam.com/funds](http://www.closebrothersam.com/funds) or please contact the registered office of the Fund at 10 Crown Place, London EC2A 4FT. Documents are available free of charge in English.

The assets of the Fund are ring-fenced and cannot be used to pay the debts of other CDF sub-funds.

This Fund is subject to UK tax laws, which may have an impact on your personal tax position. Please speak to a financial adviser for further information.

Details of the up-to-date remuneration policy, including but not limited to, a description of how remuneration and benefits are calculated, the identity of persons responsible for awarding remuneration and benefits and the composition of the remuneration committee are available on [www.closebrothersam.com/funds](http://www.closebrothersam.com/funds). A paper copy of the remuneration policy is available free of charge at the registered office.

Close Asset Management (UK) Limited may be held liable solely on the basis of any statement contained in this document that is misleading, inaccurate or inconsistent with the relevant part of the prospectus for the Fund.

The Fund is authorised in the UK and regulated by the Financial Conduct Authority ("FCA"). Close Asset Management (UK) Limited is authorised in the UK and regulated by the FCA.

This Key Investor Information is accurate as at 20 February 2023.

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